



SHADOW FALL  
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WHEN STRIKES--  
~~FOR IDOL~~  
~~GOING~~

Traut  
Yalley!  
-Jim  
Amash  
HERP



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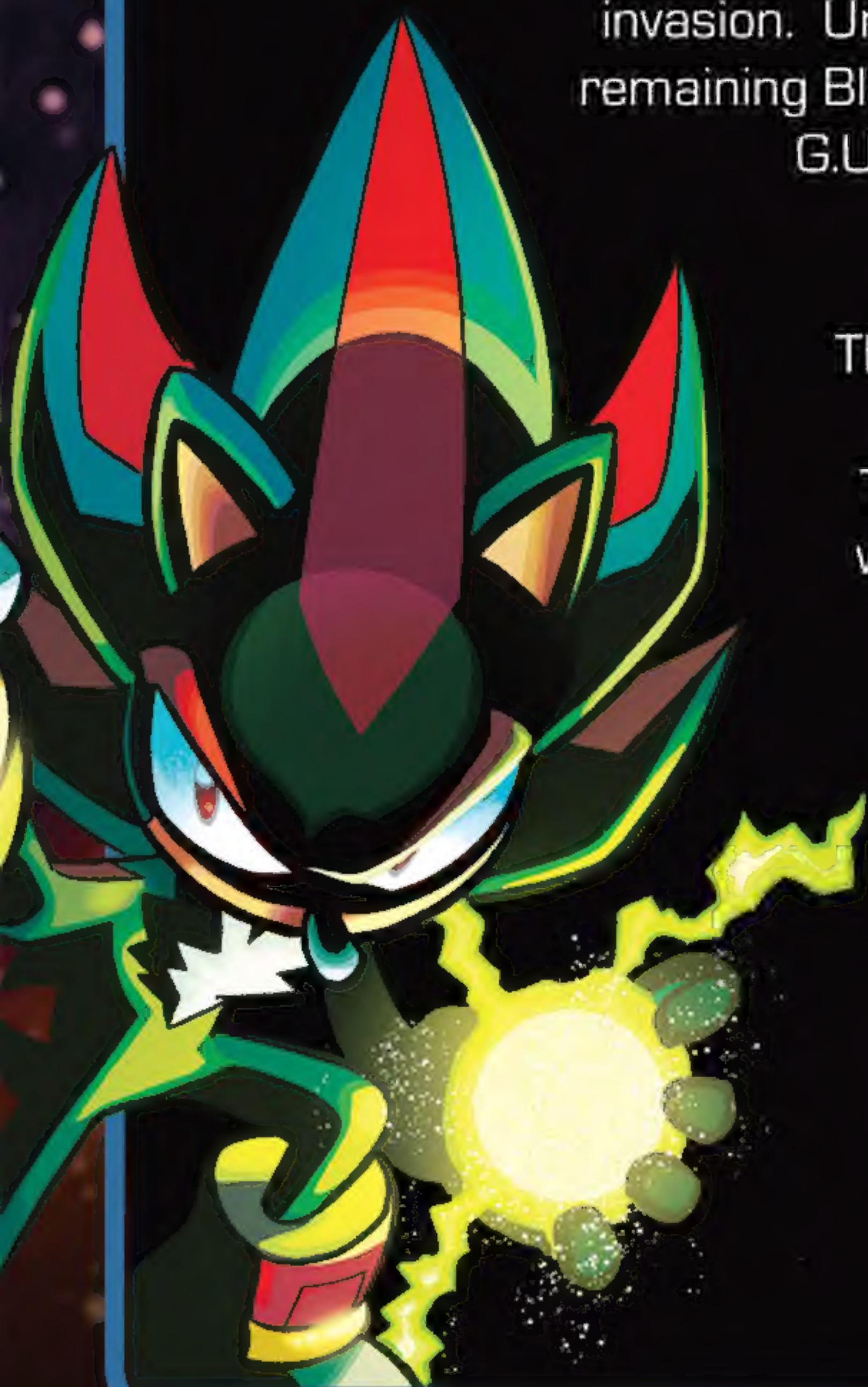


### TEAM DARK NO MORE?!

With the world shattered, the last thing it needs is an alien invasion. Unfortunately, Black Death is leading the last remaining Black Arms aliens to do just that! Therefore, G.U.N. sent Team Dark and Spider Troupe out in a preemptive attack.

The mission has not gone well. Shadow was separated from the others, leaving Spider Troupe without a guide. Rouge and Omega were left to lead them as best they could to deliver the crucial nuclear bomb to the heart of the Black Comet.

Meanwhile, Shadow was confronted by Eclipse – a Black Arms alien bred specifically to counter him. Together, Black Death and Eclipse managed to psychically overpower Shadow. The ultimate lifeform now serves the Black Arms, and is currently about to destroy his friends...



## WHO'S WHO



**SHADOW  
THE HEDGEHOG**  
THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM



**ROUGE THE BAT**  
SUPER SPY



**E-123 OMEGA**  
ROGUE BADNIK



**ECLIPSE  
THE DARKLING**  
EVIL ALIEN

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**ROUGE**  
G.U.N. SPY

INSIDE THE NEW BLACK COMET...

# SHADOW!

DESIST IMMEDIATELY  
OR I WILL BE FORCED  
TO DESTROY YOU!

**SHADOW**  
MIND-CONTROLLED  
ALIEN HYBRID

**OMEGA**  
WALKING  
ARSENAL









DEEPER IN THE NEW  
BLACK COMET...

Hrm... SHADOW IS  
SHOWING CONSIDERABLE  
RESISTANCE TO MY MIND-  
CONTROL. NO WONDER  
BLACK DOOM COULDN'T  
CONTROL HIM.\*

BLACK DEATH  
BLACK ARMS'  
LEADER

\*SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG  
--THE GAME

I LET MY THIRST FOR  
REVENGE CLOUD MY JUDGE-  
MENT. SHADOW WAS MEANT  
TO BE OUR CHAMPION,  
LEADING US TO A SWIFT  
CONQUEST OF THE PLANET.  
INSTEAD, HE **BETRAYED** US,  
AND NEARLY WIPED OUT  
OUR KIND.

I HAD HOPED TO INVADE  
THE WORLD QUICKLY AND  
QUIETLY, LET ECLIPSE  
NEUTRALIZE SHADOW AND  
USE THE DARK ARMS  
PROJECT TO EMPOWER MY  
WARRIORS.

INSTEAD, WE  
WERE INVADED, AND I  
LET ECLIPSE CONVINCE  
ME TO WASTE PRECIOUS  
TIME TRYING TO  
CONTROL SHADOW.

USING SHADOW TO  
DESTROY THE WORLD HE'S  
SWORN TO PROTECT **WOULD**  
BE SWEET, BUT...EITHER HE  
WILL DESTROY HIS FRIENDS,  
OR THEY WILL DESTROY  
HIM. I CAN WORK WITH  
EITHER SCENARIO...

...PROVIDED THE  
HUMANS AND THEIR  
BOMB ARE PROPERLY  
DEALT WITH.

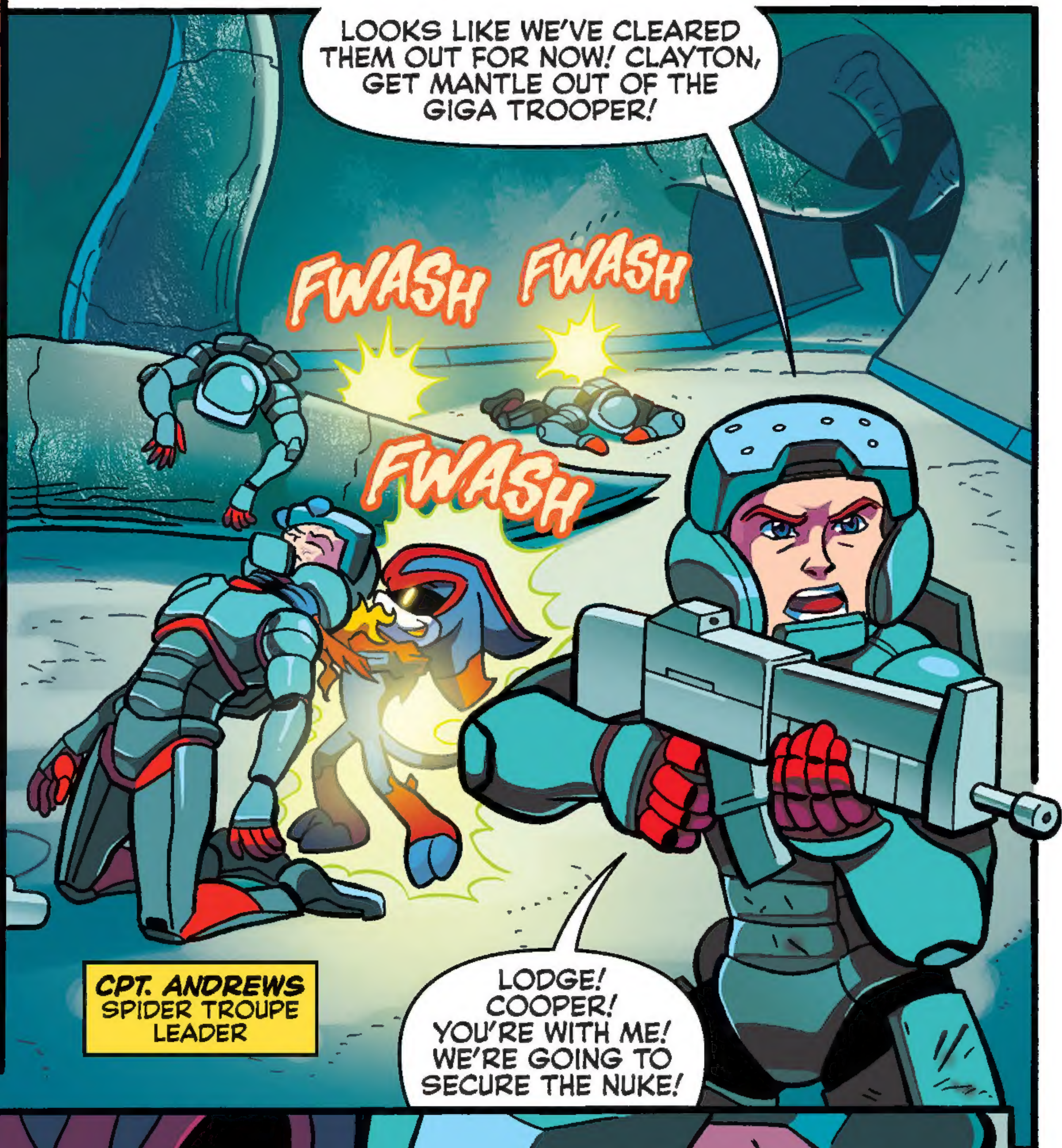
ECLIPSE?  
REPORT.



ELSEWHERE ON THE  
NEW BLACK COMET...

THE HUMANS ARE  
BEING...PERSISTENT.  
WE'VE ALMOST SECURED  
THE NUCLEAR DEVICE. SO  
IF YOU'LL LET ME GET  
BACK TO WORK...

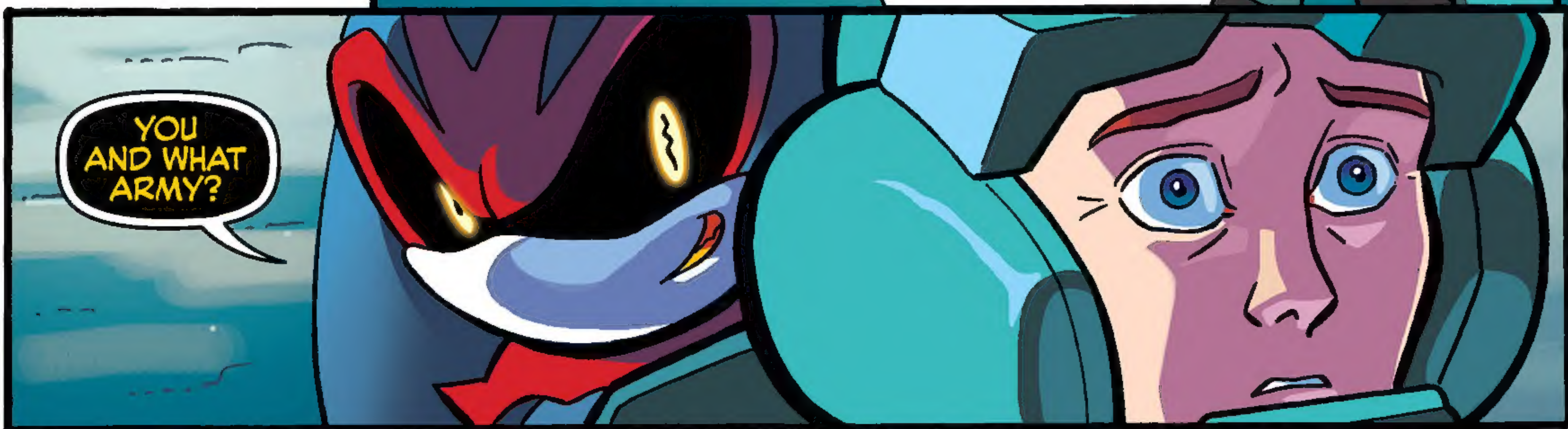
ECLIPSE  
ULTIMATE  
ALIEN  
LIFEFORM



CPT. ANDREWS  
SPIDER TROUPE  
LEADER

LODGE!  
COOPER!  
YOU'RE WITH ME!  
WE'RE GOING TO  
SECURE THE NUKE!

YOU  
AND WHAT  
ARMY?





DO NOT  
KILL THE  
HUMANS.

THE CORRIDOR IS  
ALMOST LITERALLY  
CARPETED WITH MY  
FALLEN BROTHERS.

DON'T TELL ME  
TO SHOW THEM  
MERCY NOW.



I AM THE ONE GIVING THE  
ORDERS, ECLIPSE. THE HUMANS  
WILL PROVIDE BETTER NOURISH-  
MENT FOR THE YOUNG IF  
THEY'RE EATEN ALIVE.

Ahhh, I SEE.  
MY APOLOGIES.  
CONGRATULATIONS  
ON THE EXTENDED  
LEASE ON LIFE--  
DINNER.

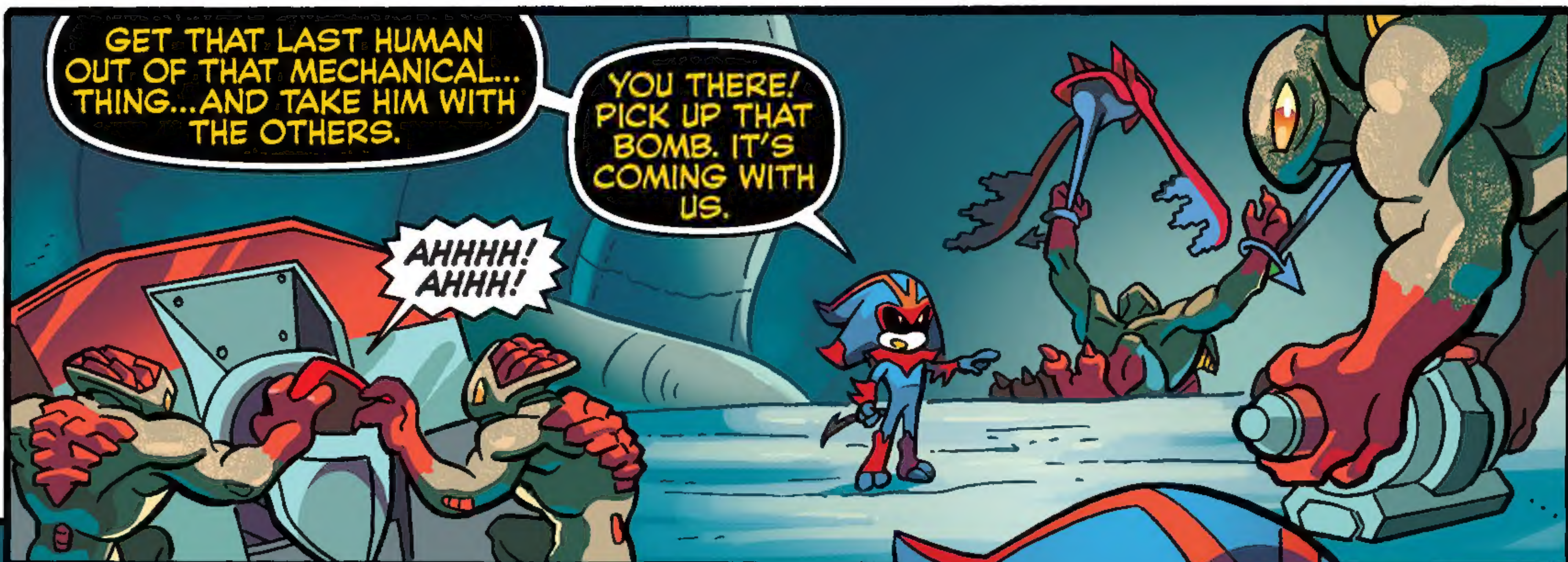


HANDLE THE HUMANS  
WITH CARE, BROTHERS.  
WE DON'T WANT THE NEXT  
GENERATION'S MEAL TOO  
TENDERIZED. HAHA!

GET THAT LAST HUMAN  
OUT OF THAT MECHANICAL...  
THING...AND TAKE HIM WITH  
THE OTHERS.

YOU THERE!  
PICK UP THAT  
BOMB. IT'S  
COMING WITH  
US.

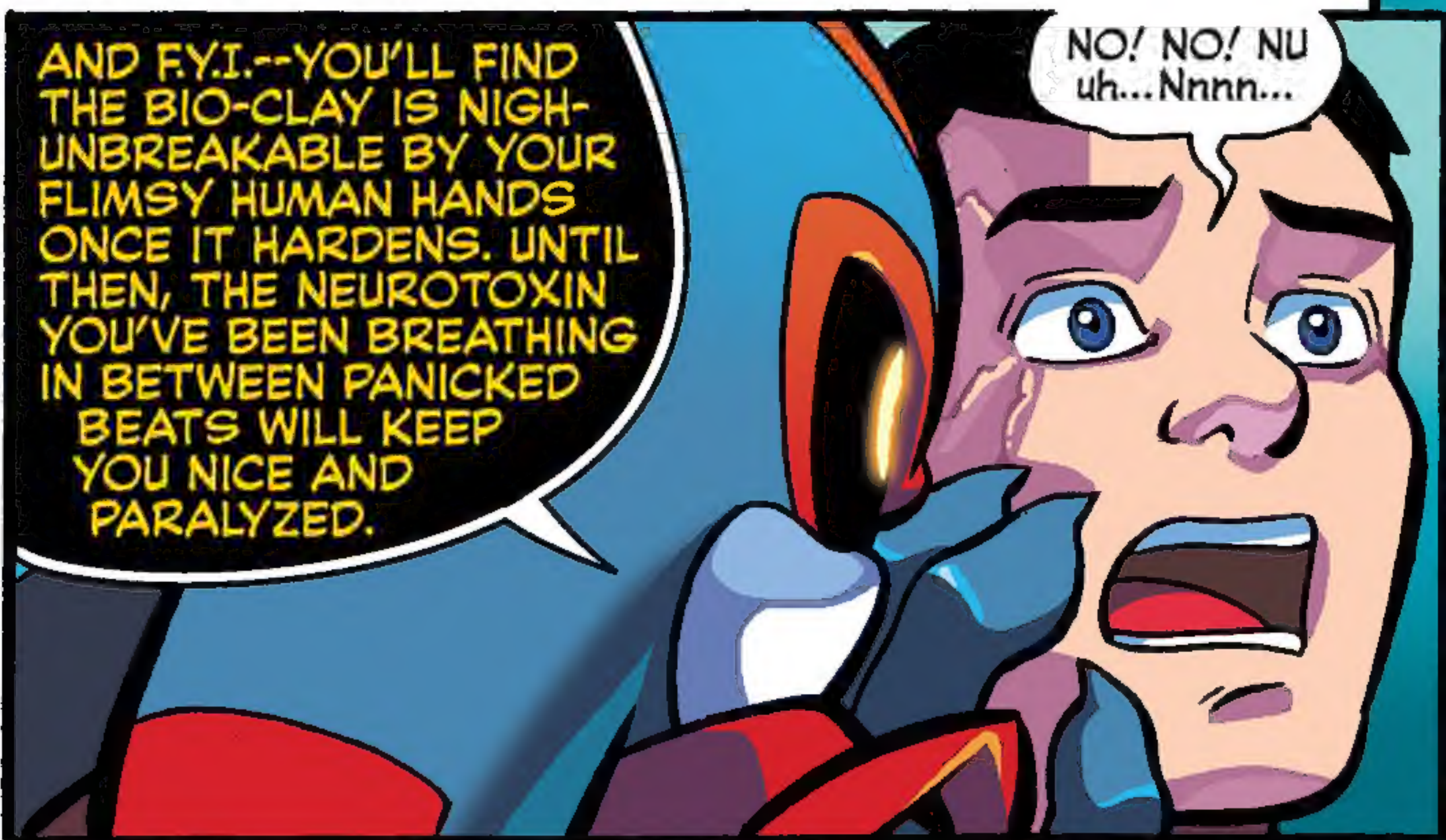
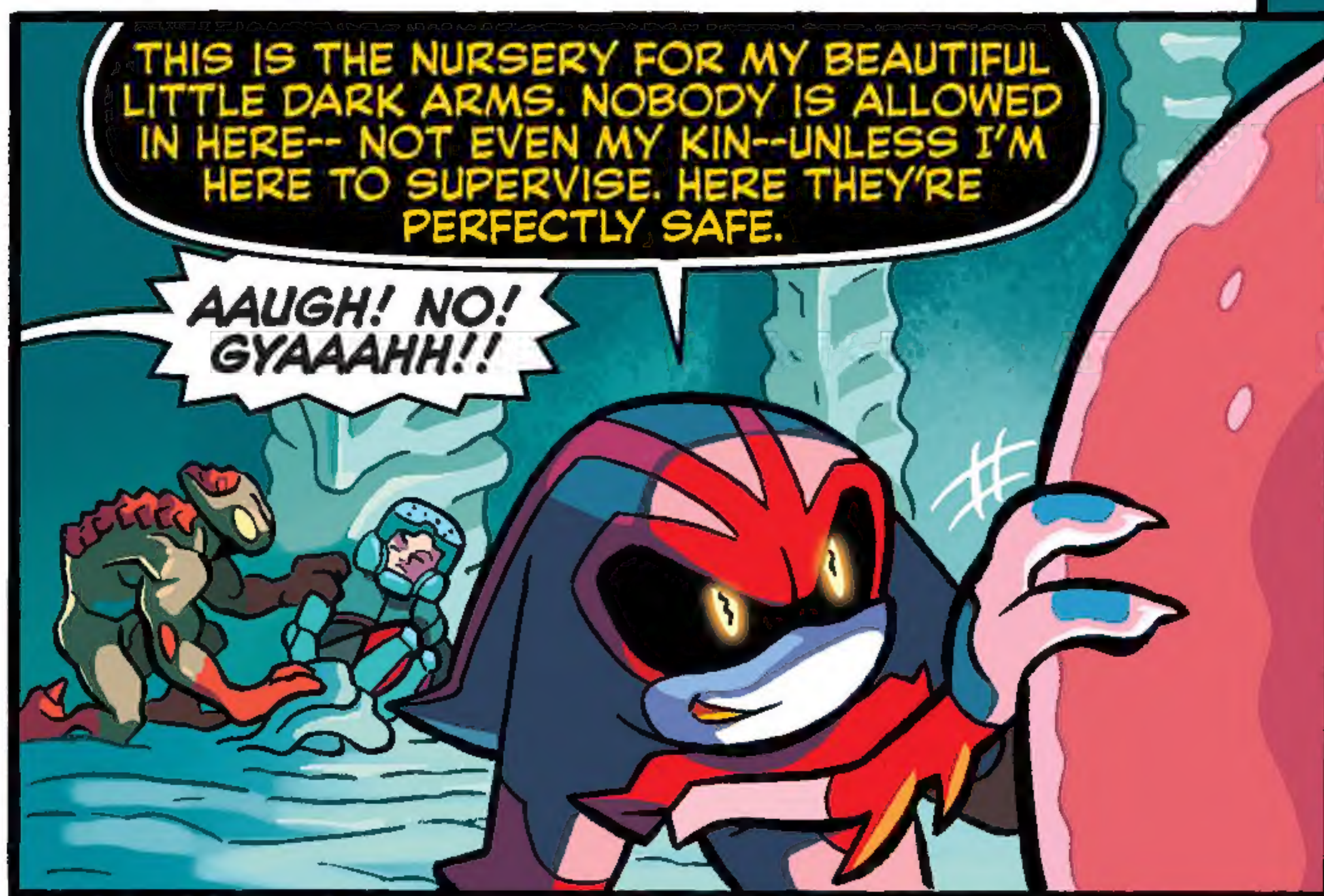
AHHHH!  
AHHHH!



"WE'RE TAKING THEM  
TO THE MOST SECURE  
PLACE ON THE COMET."











THOK

VWIP

TELEPORTING!

GOT HIM!

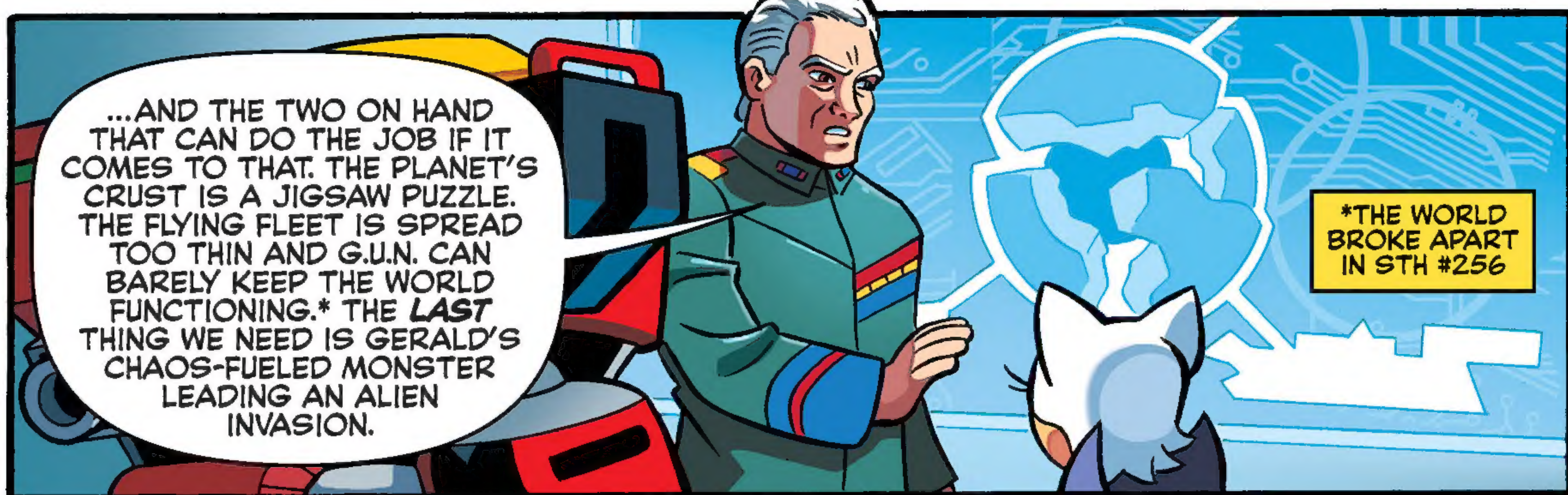
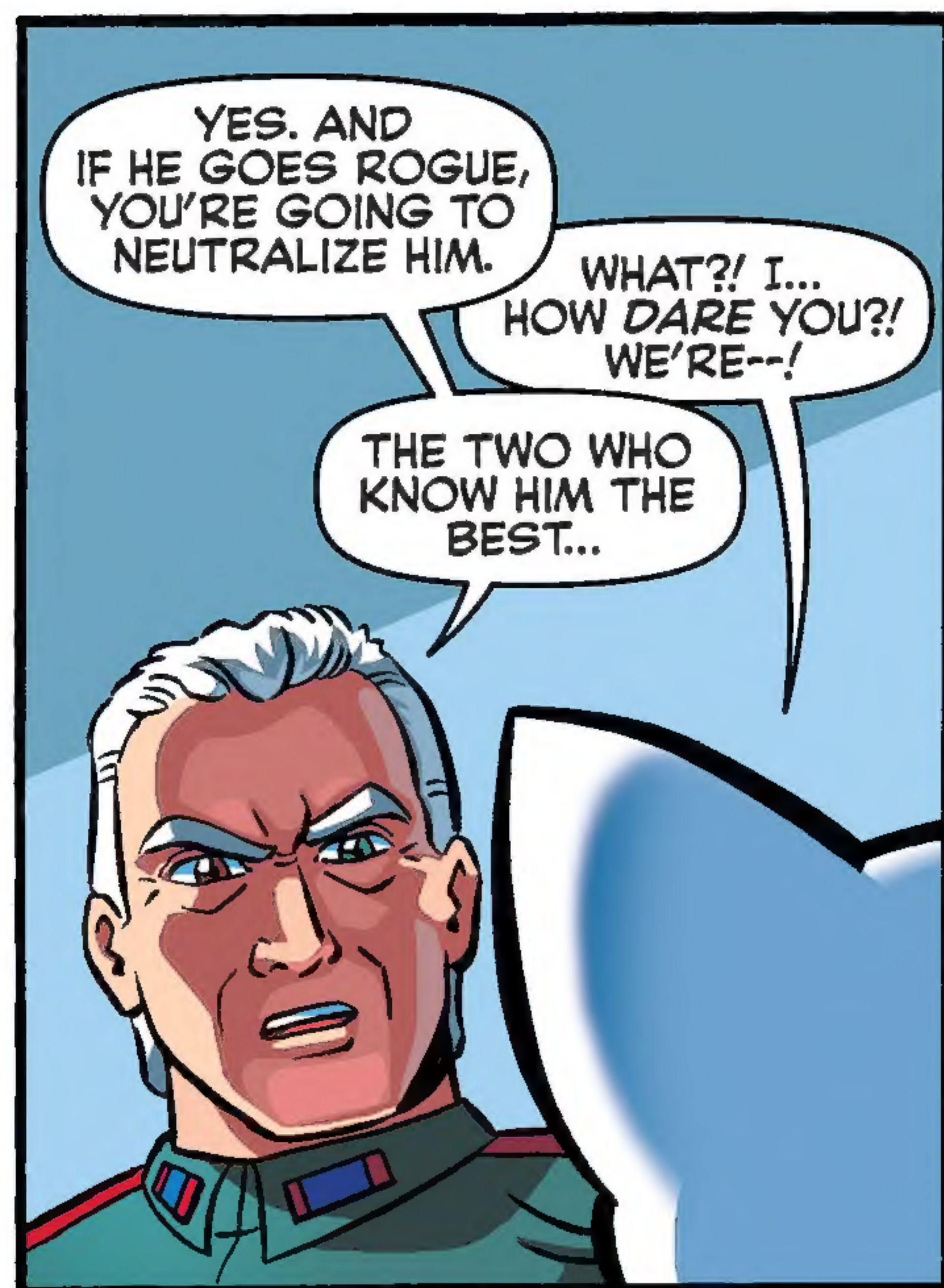
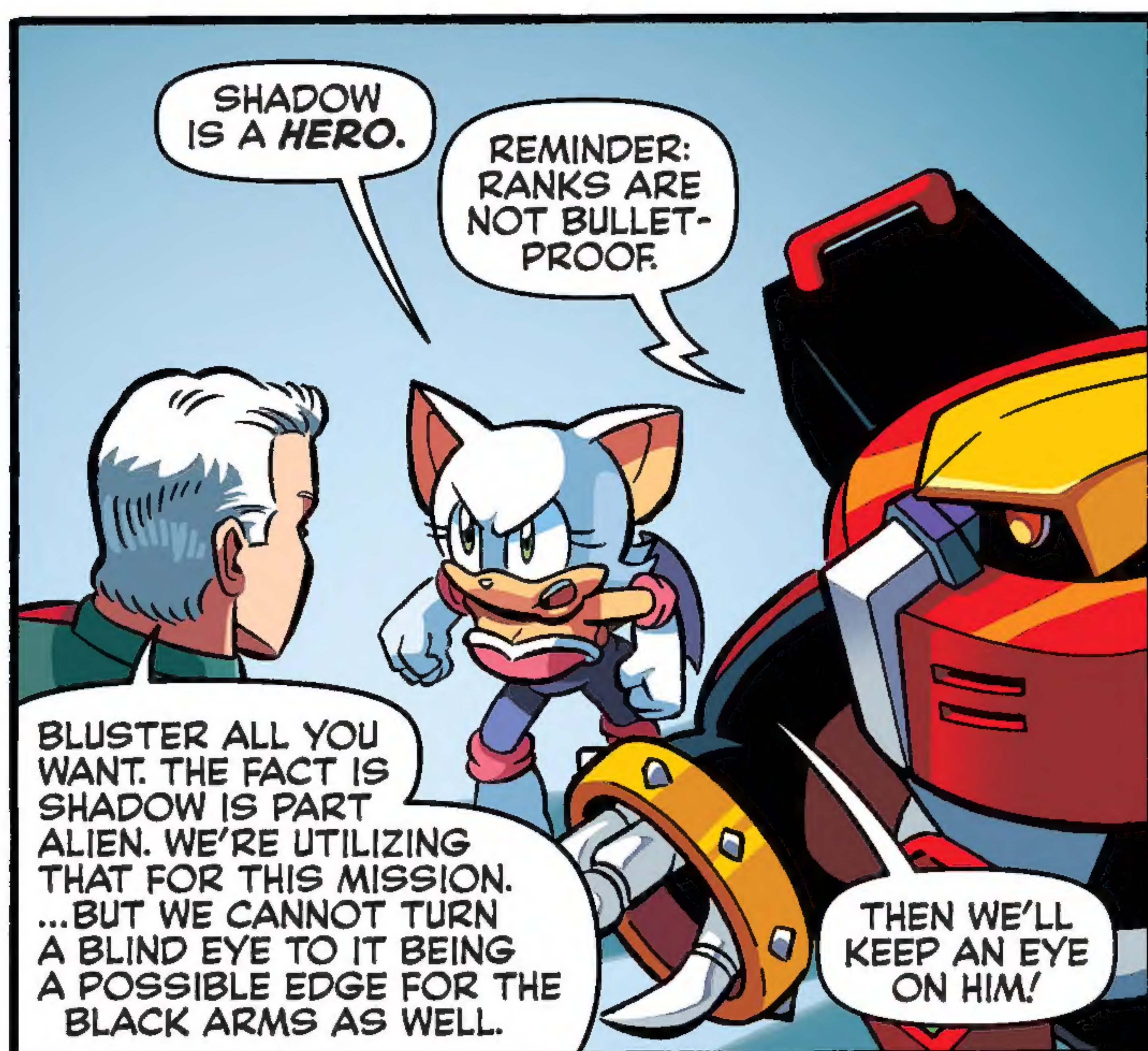
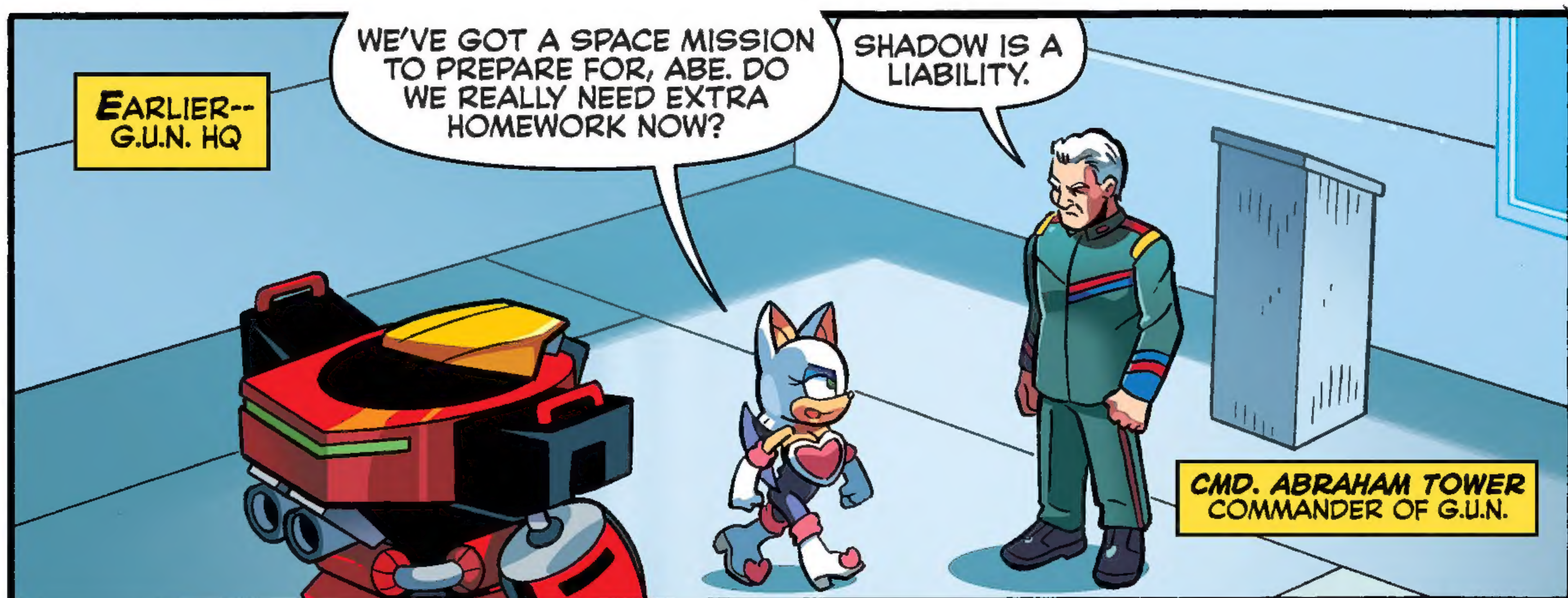
THOOM

WARNING! WE  
NEED TO FINISH  
THIS BEFORE WE  
HAVE TO--

I KNOW!  
I *KNOW*! I'M  
THINKING...

"ROUGE?  
OMEGA?  
A WORD  
PLEASE."

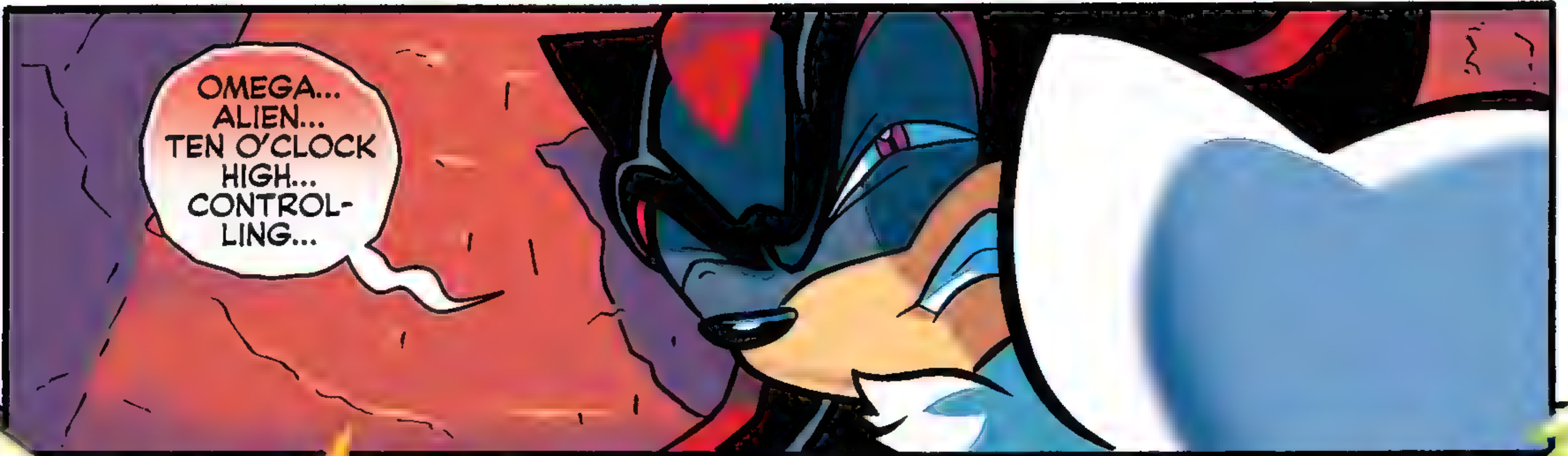
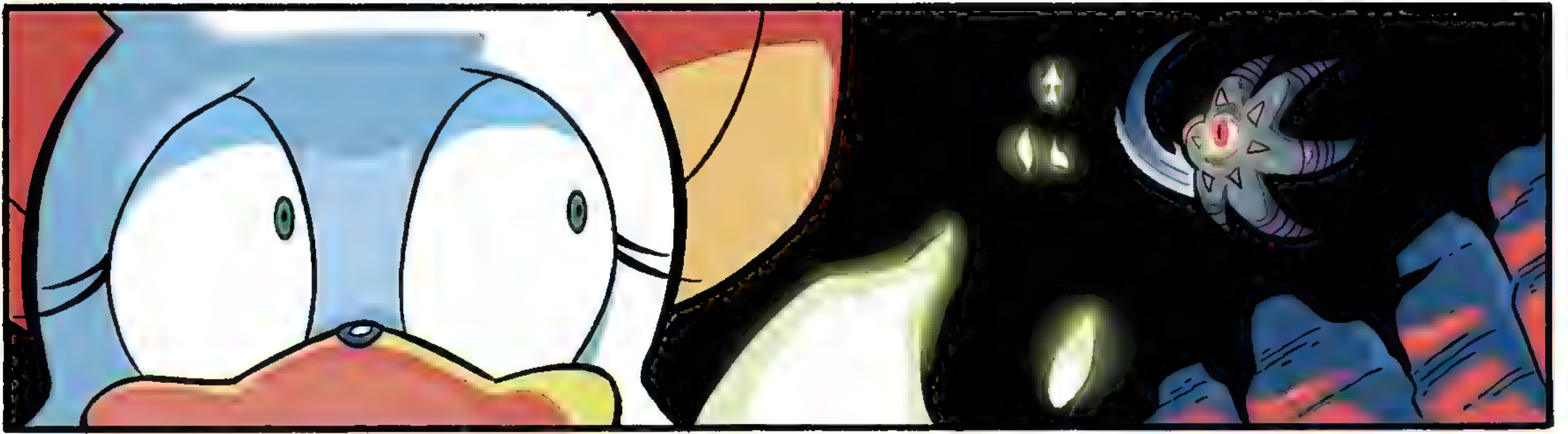












OMEGA...  
ALIEN...  
TEN O'CLOCK  
HIGH...  
CONTROL-  
LING...



UNDERSTOOD!

DAKKA-DAKKA-DAKKA

DAKKA-DAKKA-DAKKA

FWOOSH

KA-  
BOOM

DAKKA-  
DAKKA-  
DAKKA

FWOOSH

DAKKA-DAKKA-DAKKA

GRRR  
ARGH!  
AUGH!  
AHHH...  
HAA...

FWOOSH KA-  
BOOM





DID THAT  
CLEAR YOUR  
HEAD?

...THEY'RE  
GONE NOW. I'M  
BACK IN CONTROL.  
CONTROL I NEVER  
SHOULD HAVE  
LOST.



I NEARLY...

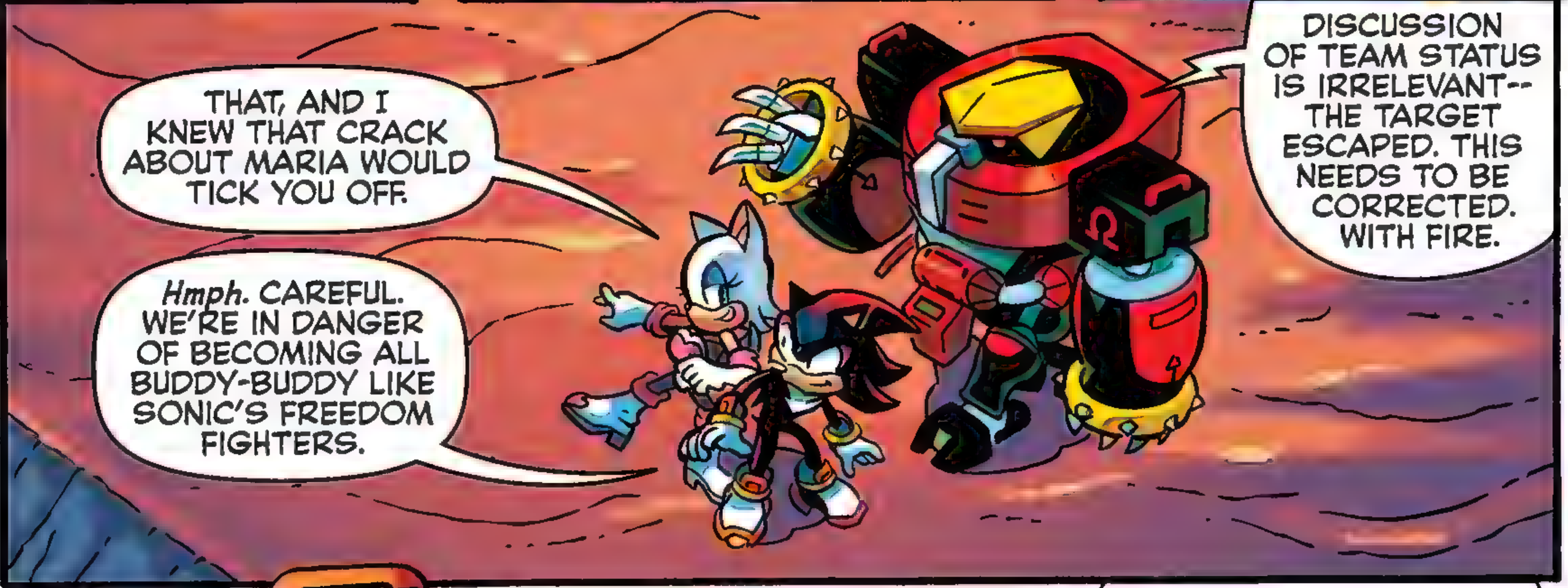
BUT YOU  
DIDN'T...

...HOW DID  
YOU KNOW I  
WOULDN'T?

BECAUSE...  
I TRUST  
YOU.



YEAH, THAT'S  
COMING FROM *ME*.  
WE'VE BEEN THROUGH  
A LOT TOGETHER.  
AND I LET MY GUARD  
DOWN AROUND YOU.  
YOU'VE GOT MY  
BACK.



THAT, AND I  
KNEW THAT CRACK  
ABOUT MARIA WOULD  
TICK YOU OFF.

*Hmph.* CAREFUL.  
WE'RE IN DANGER  
OF BECOMING ALL  
BUDDY-BUDDY LIKE  
SONIC'S FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS.

DISCUSSION  
OF TEAM STATUS  
IS IRRELEVANT--  
THE TARGET  
ESCAPED. THIS  
NEEDS TO BE  
CORRECTED.  
WITH FIRE.



Oh, NOT  
JUST YET. YOU  
HAVE TO ADMIT  
TO THE  
COMRADERY,  
TOO.

*FINE.* I FIND SHADOW  
INSPIRATIONAL, AND YOU  
TWO ARE THE ONLY MEAT-  
BAGS I TOLERATE...  
TRUST.

*Hmph.*  
THANK YOU,  
OMEGA.  
ROUGE. IT'S  
GOOD TO HAVE  
PARTNERS  
LIKE YOU.



MAY WE RESUME  
THE VIOLENT  
CONQUEST NOW?

YES. YOU TWO WILL  
CHECK ON SPIDER TROUPE  
AND THEN ENSURE THE  
BOMB IS DEPLOYED.  
I WILL...

Oh, NO YOU  
DON'T. WE **JUST**  
BROKE THE MIND-  
CONTROL. YOU'RE  
NOT GOING TO RUN  
OFF ON YOUR OWN  
AND GET CAUGHT  
AGAIN.

CONCERN:  
THE TRACKING  
SIGNAL FOR  
SPIDER TROUPE  
IS WEAK, AND  
THE ALIEN  
ARCHITECTURE  
IS MAZE-LIKE.  
LOCATING THEM  
WILL BE  
DIFFICULT.

NO. SINCE  
BLACK DEATH  
GOT INTO MY  
HEAD, I'VE  
GOT A **MUCH**  
STRONGER  
CONNECTION  
TO THE HIVE-  
MIND. I CAN  
DIRECT  
YOU.

...I WILL ELIMINATE BLACK DEATH,  
THEIR LEADER. THAT WILL DRAW THE  
BLACK ARMS AWAY FROM YOU.  
**NOTHING** WILL STOP ME  
FROM MY REVENGE.

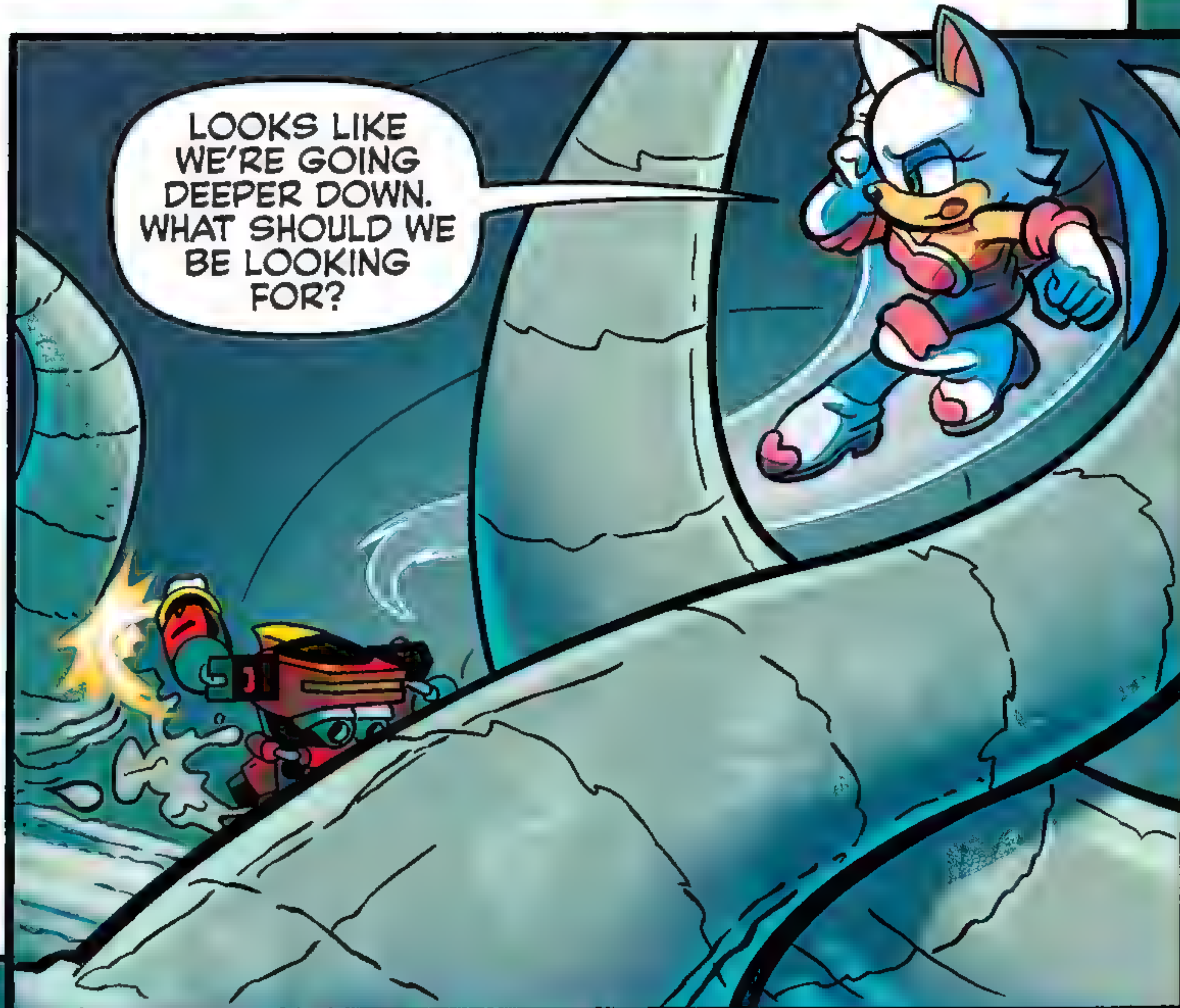
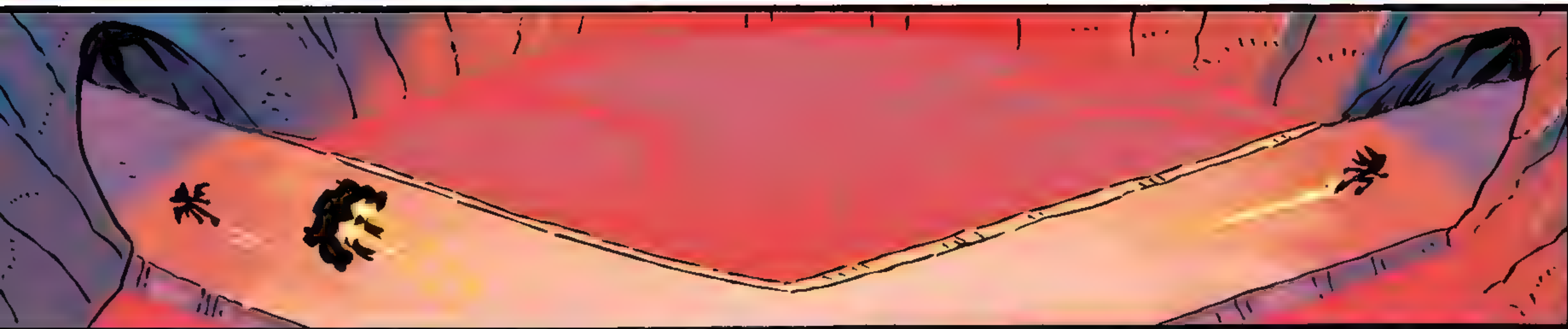
YIKES!  
OKAY, I'M  
CON-  
VINCED!

AS I SAID--  
INSPIRATIONAL.

**TEAM DARK**  
**MOVE OUT!!**







LOOKS LIKE  
WE'RE GOING  
DEEPER DOWN.  
WHAT SHOULD WE  
BE LOOKING  
FOR?

YOU'LL EXIT  
INTO A LARGER  
CHAMBER. LOOK FOR  
TUNNELS HEADING  
UPWARDS. THEY  
SHOULD BE AT ABOUT  
THREE O'CLOCK  
FROM YOUR  
POSITION.



UNDERSTOOD.  
WE'RE NOT MEETING  
ANY RESISTANCE.  
WHAT ABOUT YOU?



I'M ENCOUNTERING  
SOME. NOTHING I  
CAN'T HANDLE.

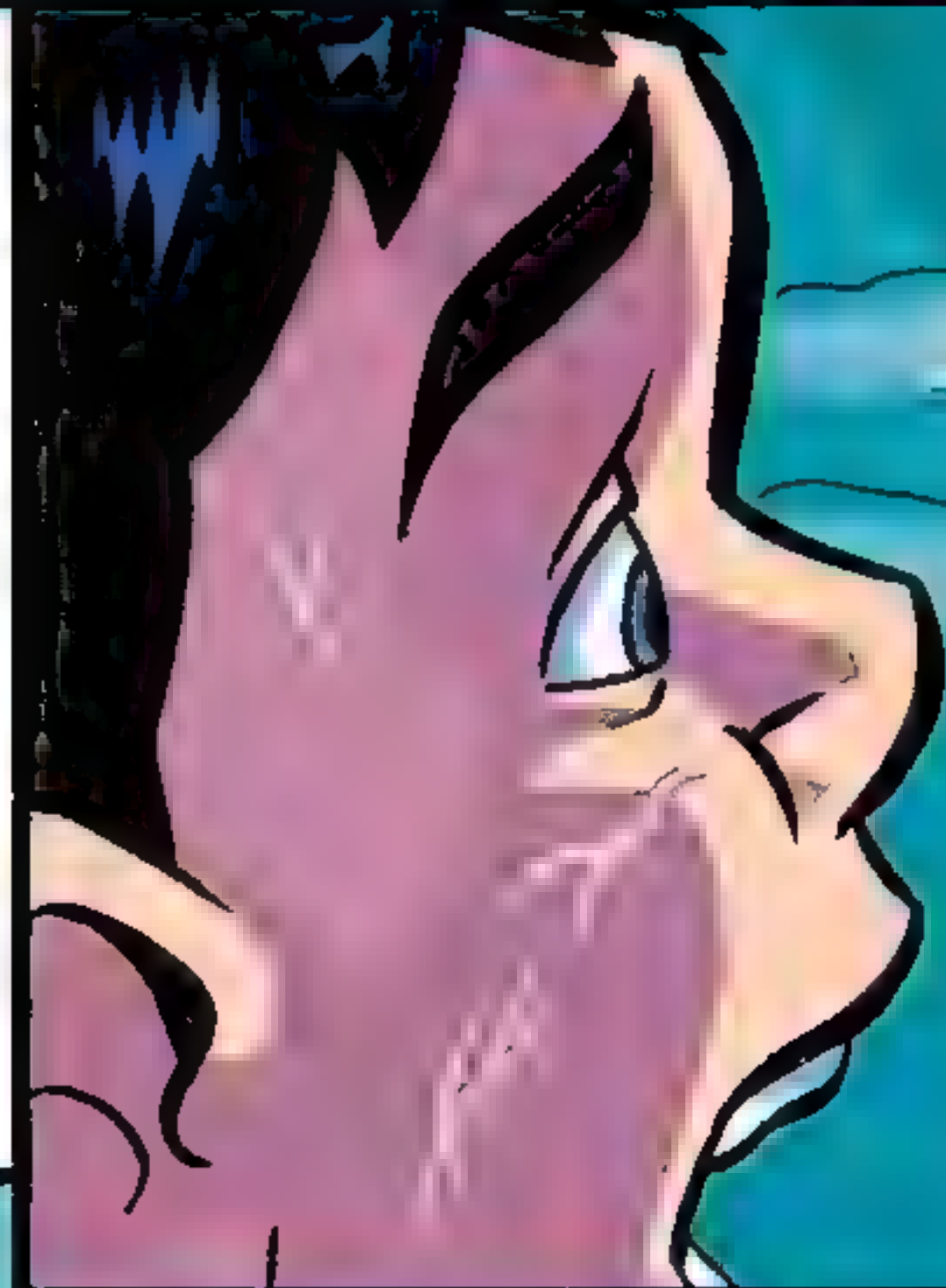




BLAM

POOHHARR!

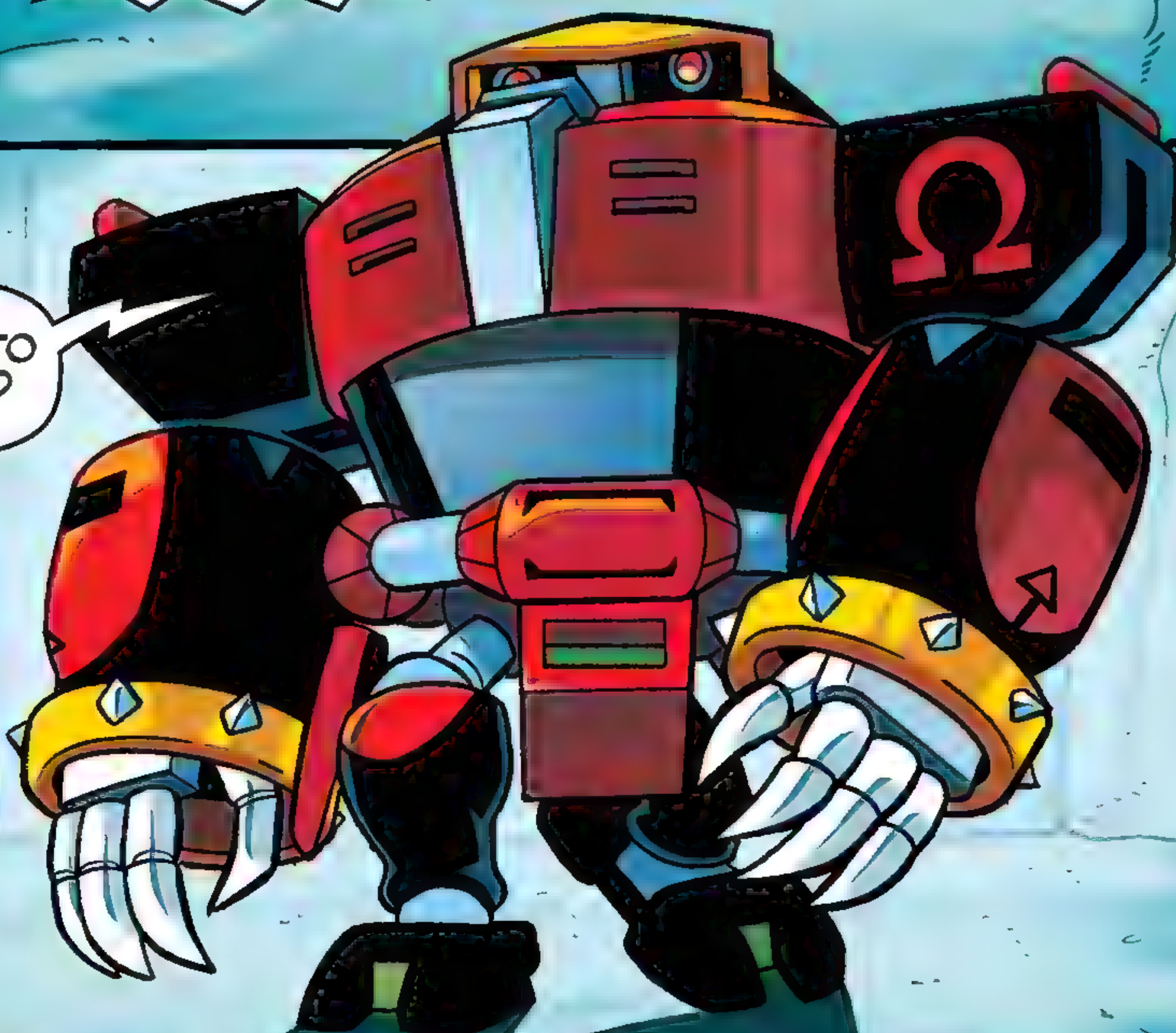
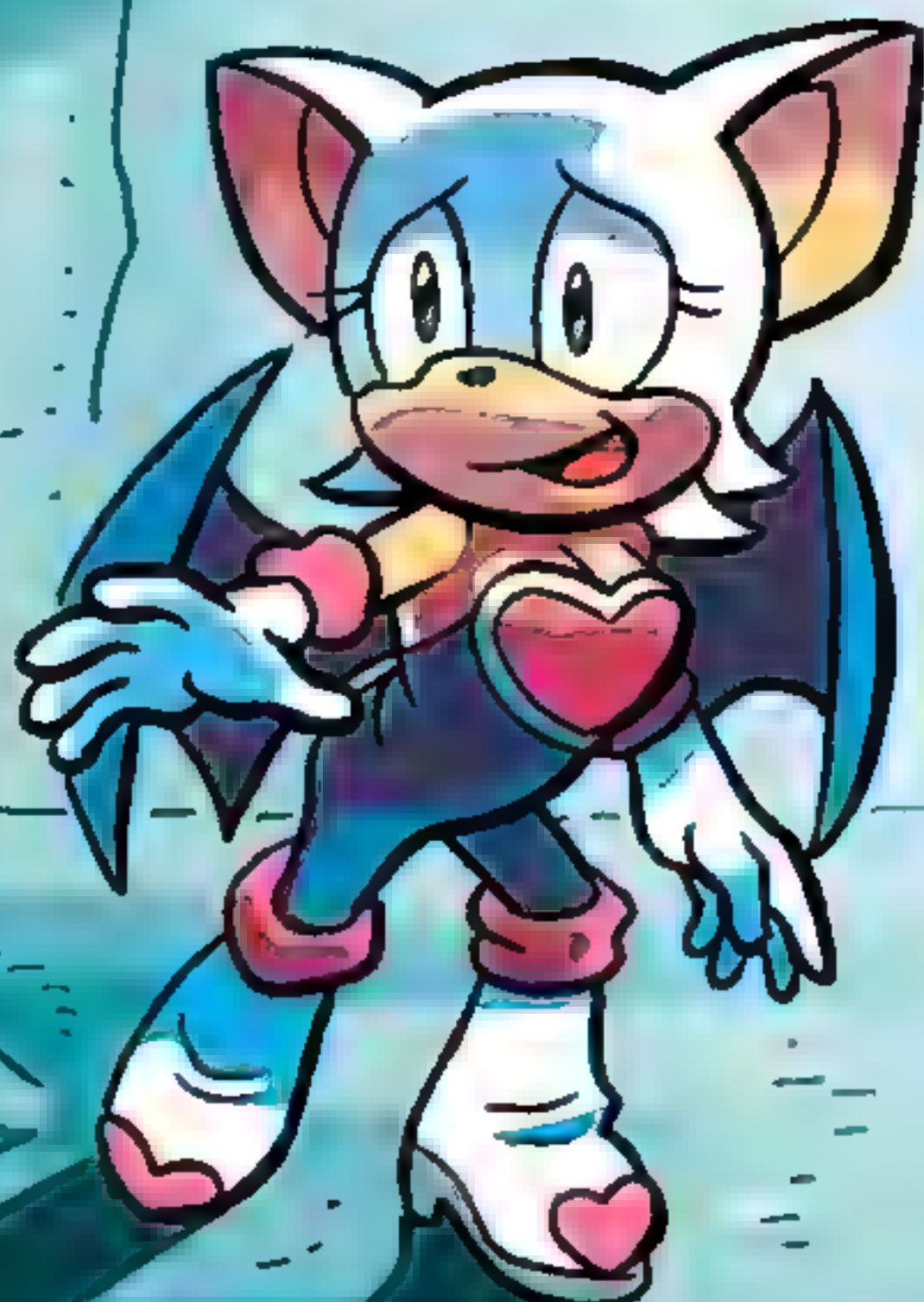




Ahh!! AHH!!  
NNAAAHHH!!

FOUND THEM!  
I THINK THEY'RE  
STILL ALIVE!

I AM  
OBLIGATED TO  
BE PLEASED  
BY THIS.

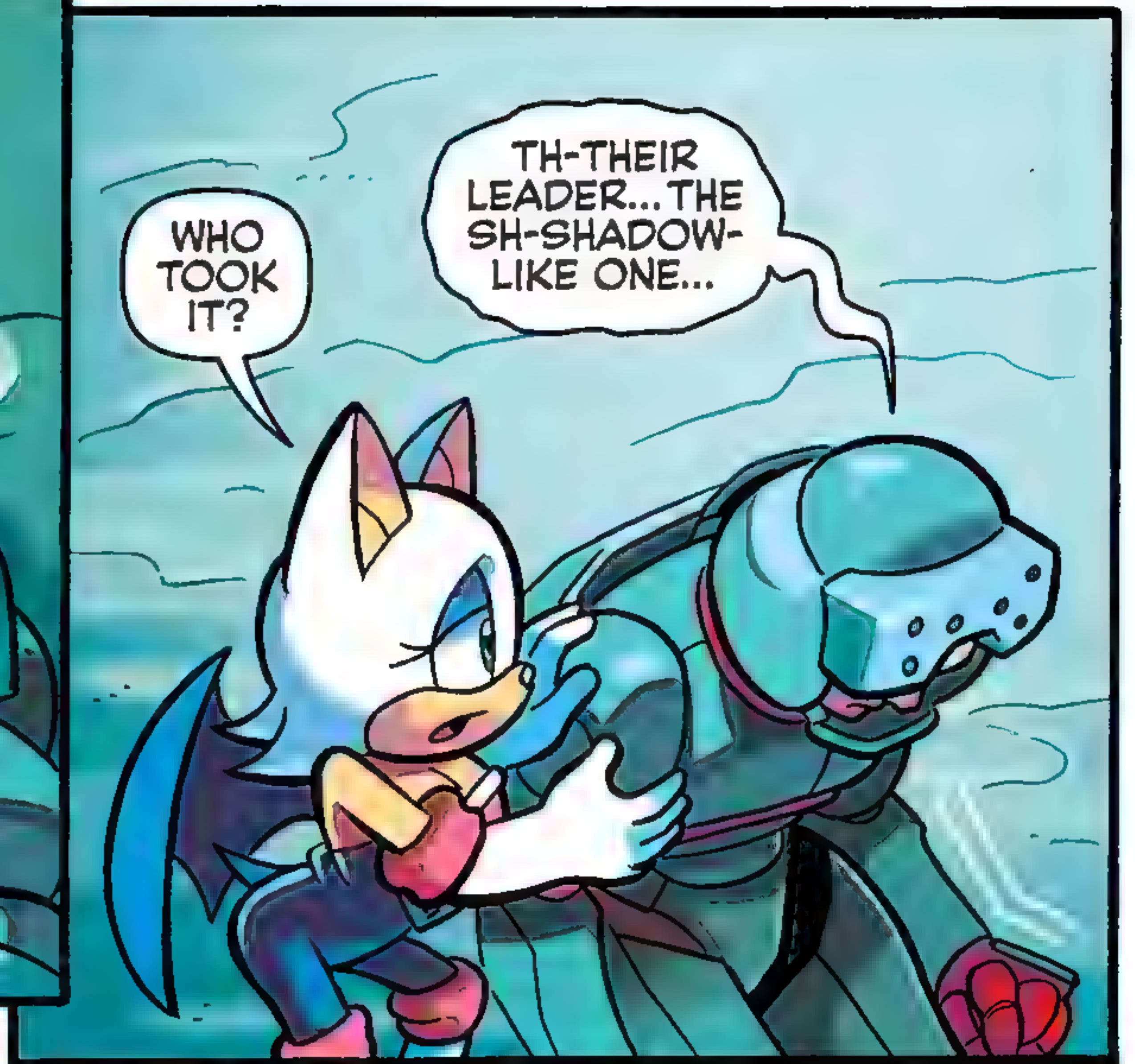






WHERE IS THE GLORIOUS NUCLEAR DEVICE?

H-HE TOOK IT...



WHO TOOK IT?

TH-THEIR LEADER... THE SH-SHADOW-LIKE ONE...



ROUGE TO SHADOW. SPIDER TROUPE SAYS THE NUKE WAS TAKEN BY THE ALIEN LIKE YOU. WHO IS HE? **WHAT** IS HE?

ECLIPSE. I'LL EXPLAIN LATER. HE IS **EXTREMELY DANGEROUS**. TAKE HIM OUT AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.



I WILL DESTROY WHOEVER THE CHALLENGER IS IDENTIFIED AS!

IF SHADOW SAYS HE'S "EXTREMELY DANGEROUS" YOU'RE GOING TO NEED BACK-UP. I'M COMING WITH YOU.

IF YOU INSIST.

WE CAN'T SPARE ANYONE TO ESCORT YOU BACK. BUT WITH SHADOW HEADING FOR THEIR LEADER, AND OMEGA AND I HEADING FOR THE NUKE, I DOUBT THEY'LL PRIORITIZE RECAPTURING YOU. GOOD LUCK, CAPTAIN.

THANK YOU... FOR COMING... FOR US...





CAPTAIN--THERE SEEMS TO BE A DIRECT ROUTE BACK TO THE SHUTTLE. THEY MAY HAVE BEEN PLANNING AN AMBUSH EARLIER, BUT THE WAY IS CLEAR NOW. TAKE THE RIGHT FORK AHEAD, THEN FOLLOW THE LEFT-HAND WALL.

OMEGA! ROUGE! ECLIPSE IS SEVEN O'CLOCK FROM YOUR POSITION--A STRAIGHT SHOT. HE HAS A BLACK OAK WITH HIM, IT HAS THE NUKE. HURRY!

WARRIORS--HEAD TO THE DARK ARMS' NURSERY. MOVE THE INCUBATORS TO A SHUTTLE. DO IT QUICKLY.

WAIT, WHAT? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

THE HUMANS ARE NO LONGER CAPTIVE. SHADOW IS FREE OF MY CONTROL AND COMING FOR ME.

**WHAT?!**  
BUT I...I THOUGHT WE...WAIT, THEY WERE IN THE *NURSERY*?! DID THEY HURT THE DARK ARMS? I'LL HUNT THEM DOWN AND RIP--!

THE DARK ARMS ARE UNHARMED. THE BAT-WOMAN AND THE MACHINE ARE HEADING YOUR WAY. DO NOT LET THEM GET THE BOMB.

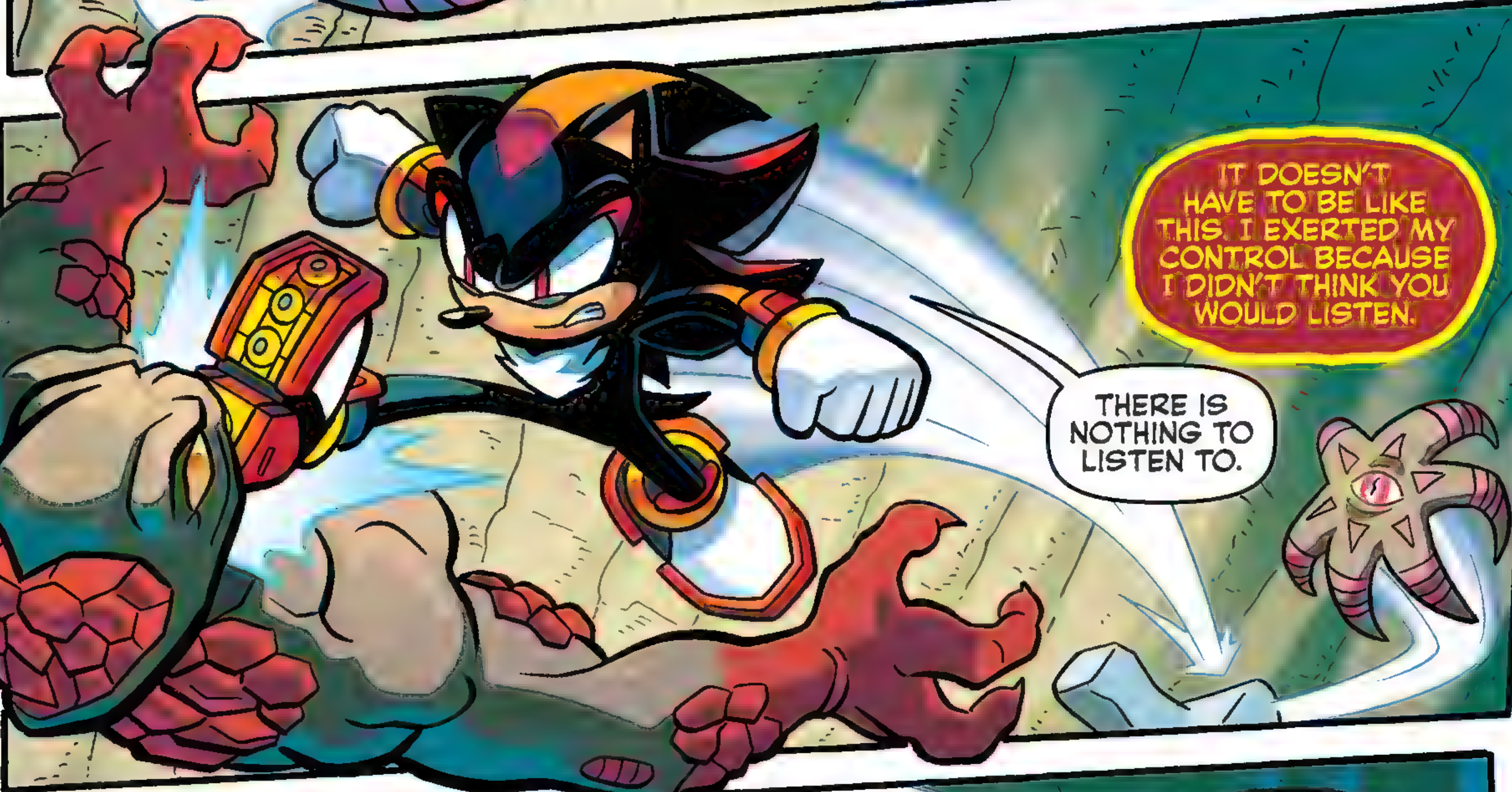
I...YES, MASTER.






SHADOW!

BLACK DEATH.  
JUST LIKE BLACK  
DOOM, YOU HIDE  
BEHIND THIS  
ONE-EYED...  
THING.



IT DOESN'T  
HAVE TO BE LIKE  
THIS. I EXERTED MY  
CONTROL BECAUSE  
I DIDN'T THINK YOU  
WOULD LISTEN.

THERE IS  
NOTHING TO  
LISTEN TO.



YOU DON'T  
BELONG WITH THE  
PEOPLE OF THIS  
PLANET! YOU ARE  
NOT ONE OF  
THEM! YOU NEVER  
CAN BE!

I BELONG  
NOWHERE. I  
HAVE CHOSEN  
MY HOME.  
MY FATE.



YOU ARE  
DOOMING US TO  
EXTINCTION!  
YOU CANNOT--!

**WHAM**





AND I WILL!







## SHADOW vs. BLACK DEATH

**FOR THE FATE OF THE BLACK ARMS!**

**THIS  
IS  
IT!!**

**ROUGE and OMEGA vs. ECLIPSE  
FOR THE CONTROL OF THE BOMB!  
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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

Hello cool people, the new Shadow arc looks good so far and I look forward to seeing more action Shadow the Hedgehog style.

**Howdy cool person! We're building up to the big conclusion of Shadow's story, but that does not necessarily mean his adventure is over! Keep your eyes peeled for more on the Ultimate Life Form!**

Do you have any plans to give Nicole a story arc? If so, that would be awesome.

**Nicole has had a very prominent role in the most recent Sonic the Hedgehog storyline, "Countdown to Chaos" and will continue to aid the Freedom Fighters in upcoming issues, so get stoked!**

Also if you decide to add Honey the Cat in the comics can she be a hero or at least an anti-hero who's mostly good?

**We would love to include some of the more lesser**

**known characters in some fashion. Stick with Sonic the Hedgehog and Sonic Universe to see if your favorites will make an appearance! Extra points to the fan who can tell us which cover Honey the Cat made a cameo appearance on!**

Well that's all for now!

**From Big Sonic Fan,  
Patrick L. sent to  
Sonic@ArchieComics.com**

PS. Ian Flynn has done a great job with the comics so far!

**Thanks for writing in, Patrick! Ian sure has! We can't wait to see where Sonic and friends will go next, and with Ian at the helm, it's sure to be a crazy fun ride!**

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

Your Sonic books are awesome! I love them!

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**Thanks for the short and sweet comment, Thomas!**

**See ya'll next month for the epic conclusion to SHADOW FALL!**

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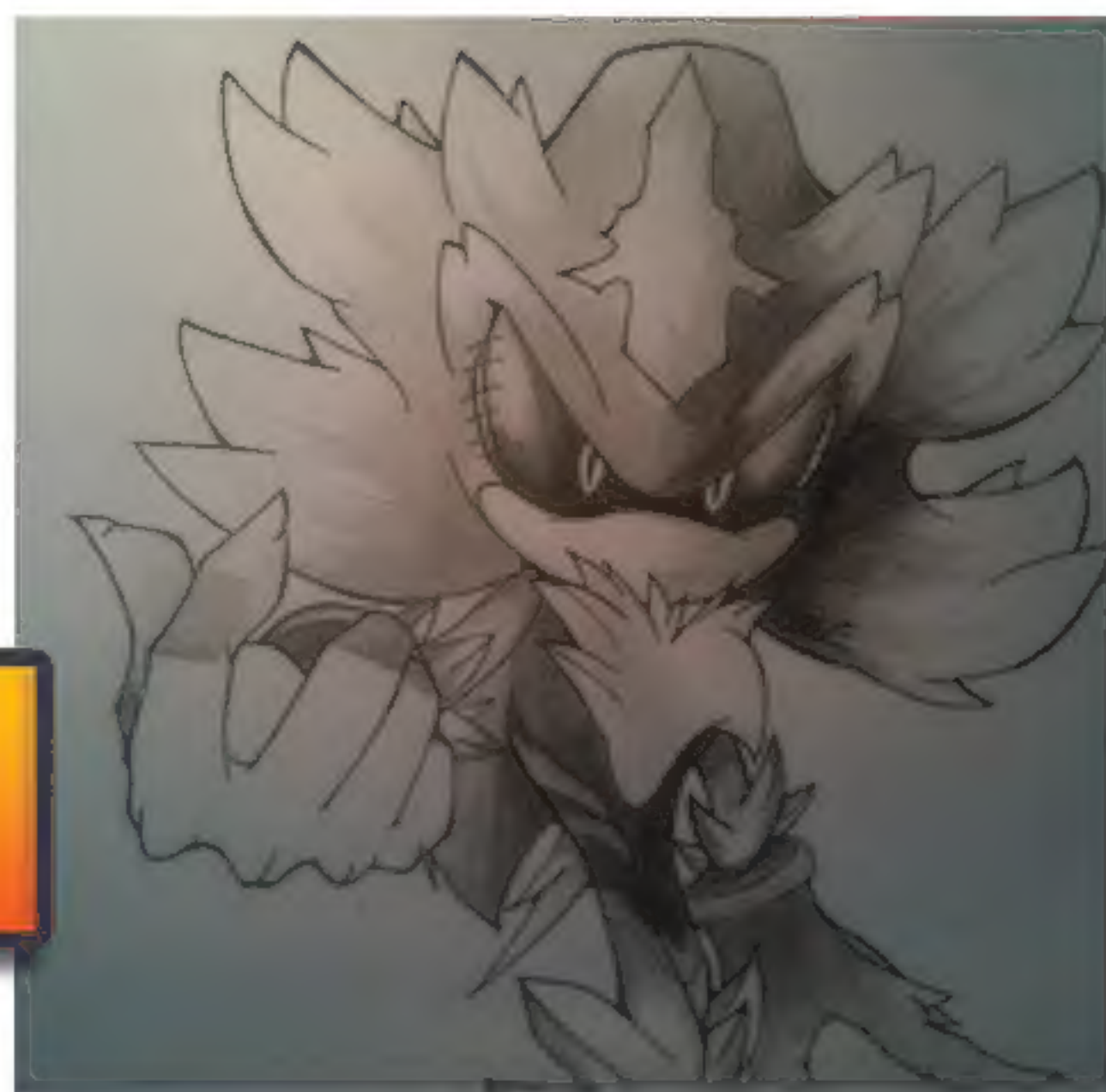


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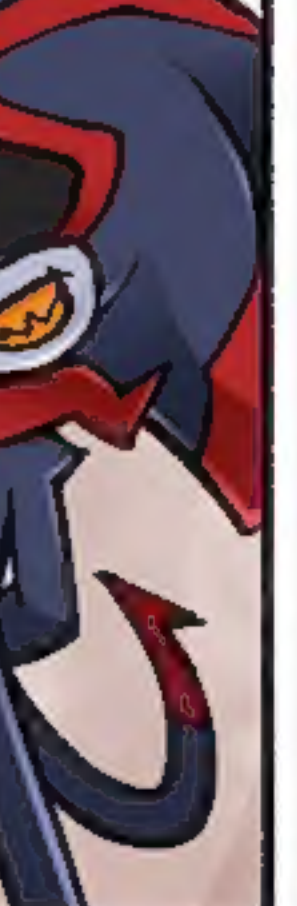
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